

Seaforth Parent Advisory Council

By Cheryl Healey Chair@SeaforthPAC.net

May was amazing with all the fun activities and events enjoyed by our Seaforth students. You might even say there was a lot of “commotion” in the school. Hats off to all the teachers who worked hard organizing Sports Day on May 15th. This highly anticipated event was well attended by friends and families.

Mr. Lapthorne and Mrs. Moore donned their very complementary aquatic attire for opening ceremonies, followed by a fantastic performance from our students. Our team house leaders led the cheers kicking off the day’s events.



Over sixty Seaforth Alumni volunteered their time, returning to Seaforth and manning the various stations around the school.

Penny Chisholm did an amazing job capitalizing on her culinary flair and serving up a plentiful lunch for our alumni volunteers. The lunch was sponsored by your Seaforth PAC to show our appreciation to these special students who helped make Sports Day fun and successful by manning the many stations.



Hark Sandhu and her team kept the crowd fueled by offering a variety of food items at the PAC Concession. Thank you to Penny Chisholm and Annemarie Shumas for their delicious cupcake donations and Adrienne Dall’Antonia for popping up the alluring popcorn aroma.



As the day wrapped up, a team of volunteers worked behind the scenes and was able to distribute 500 popsicles provided by your Seaforth PAC to our students.

Thank you Hark Sandhu for keeping the extra space in your freezer and organizing all the treats.



Congratulations to each of our students for their fantastic display of sportsmanship.

Seaforth PAC Scholarship



The 2015 Seaforth PAC Scholarship was implemented to celebrate the spirit of citizenship in the community and the leadership skills of École Seaforth Elementary School Alumni.



It was an honour to attend the graduation ceremony for Cariboo Hill Secondary school on May 21st and be a member of the platform committee.

Eliesse Harpaz-Lau was presented with the award for her outstanding volunteer work. Eliesse has dedicated her time filling many leadership positions. Her time at Seaforth has “Shaped my life in a very positive way,” and her work with the Girl Guides of Canada has helped her “Understand the importance of helping elders in our community.”



As an Executive member, Annemarie Shumas represented the Seaforth PAC as a platform committee member during the Burnaby Mountain graduation ceremony on May 22nd

Monica Quan was presented with the Seaforth PAC Scholarship for her work creating a literacy program at a local elementary school. She created a new opportunity where students from Burnaby Mountain could volunteer their time reading and playing educational games promoting a positive relationship between two generations.

We wish both Eliesse and Monica continued success in their future studies and look forward to hearing from the graduating Seaforth Alumni class of 2016.

PARENT VOLUNTEER AND STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCHEON



The Parent Volunteer and Staff Appreciation Luncheon took place on May 8th and was catered by Burnaby Mountain students. Thank you to Dal Sidhu and her team of volunteers who made this day possible. Everyone had a wonderful time and appreciated the beautifully decorated venue, complete with bilingual cake selections!

SEAFORTH BOOK FAIR

SCHOLASTIC



The Scholastic Book Fair May 25-28th was a great success raising \$1200.00 for our school library. Thank you to Michelle Sherwood and her team of volunteers for your continued support promoting literacy in our school. The funds raised through the scholastic book fair are used towards the purchase of new book for our library.

RAINY DAY BOXES

The PAC is once again collecting items for the rainy day boxes for next school year.



We are looking for donations of gently used or new: games (with all the pieces please), puzzles, art supplies, playing cards or anything that would be great for kids to play with during the rainy days at lunch time.

Items can be dropped off in the donation bin next to the school kitchen.

Please contact Anne Deliyannides if you have and questions regarding rainy day box donations. She can be reached at **604-415-4550** or via email at anne_d@telus.net



Thank you very much for your support.
Anne Deliyannides.



The June 17th Parent Advisory Council AGM is just a few weeks away. The 2015/2016 PAC budget will be presented for your approval and the vote for next year's Executive members will take place. Come out and show your support for our newest and returning team members. Positions available for the 2015/2016 Executive include:

Chairperson

Vice-Chairperson

Secretary

Treasurer

District Parent Advisory Council Representative

Three or more Members-At-Large

**Canadian Parents for French (CPF)
Representative**

For more information on what these positions entail please see the [PAC Constitution and Bylaws](#).

This year's PAC Executive would be happy to answer any questions you may have regarding their positions.

Childcare and light refreshments will be provided. The meeting duration is 7-8pm.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Healey
PAC Chairperson
École Seaforth Elementary School

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General Meeting Agenda

April 15, 2015

1. Welcome and Introductions

- Intro from PAC president Cheryl Healey

2. Chairperson Report

Chairperson Report

April 15, 2015

With Spirit Day only a week away on April 24th there are still many last minute things keeping our dedicated volunteers occupied. It's been an amazing adventure working with new friends, putting in countless hours while assigning workshops. Who knew when we started the assignment process it would take over ten hours with Gail Su by our side to keep us on track.

Learning about each of our student's interests has been fascinating and informative. This information will give the PAC and the School an invaluable perspective of our student's passions.

There are still many volunteer spots that need to be filled for general helpers and I hope you are able to join us. Shemina Patni and Eva Yip are organizing all our volunteers and can be contacted at sheminap@gmail.com.

Our Design Your Own Pink Shirt contest was a great success and many of our students proudly wore the new hot pink shirts on April 8th International Day of Pink celebrating kindness and diversity. Thank you to Penny Chisholm who organized this event.

We are heading into the final few months of the school year and it's time to start thinking about your role at Seaforth and how you can have the most positive impact on our students and community. How can you make a difference?

Sincerely,

Cheryl Healey
PAC Chairperson
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Principals Report to PAC

15 April 2015

2014 / 2015
CLASS ENROLLMENT

Date: 9 April 2015

DIV	TEACHER	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTALS
1	Moore, Debbie								28	28
2	Lapthorne, Glen							10	17	27
3	Lucarelli, Gino							4	23	27
4	Whitney, Tasha						14	11		25
5	Mollica, Tina						12	16		28
6	Bisceglia, Teresa						12	14		26
7	Boulanger, Jennifer					20	8			28
8	March, George					17	7			24
9	Bastone, Elena				6	17				23
10	Richter, Anne Louise				18	5				23
11	Glavas, Lynda / Lundie, Carolyn			9	15					24
12	Hanson, Loraine			8	15					23
13	May, Jaclyn			16	7					23
14	Kaga, Kathy			24						24
15	Sharples, Lorelei		12	10						22
16	Papapanagiotou, Soula		24							24
17	Robson, Kari		19							19
18	Graham, Pat		19							20
19	Tazumi, Pam	20								20
20	Hope, Stephanie	16								16
21	Gillingham, Megan	21								21
	French Immersion TOTALS	21	36	26	25	22	21	15	23	189
	English TOTALS	36	38	41	36	37	32	40	45	305
	Total Students	57	73	67	61	59	53	55	68	494

Please see the enrolment report above.

Well, it seems like Spring and Easter breaks were a million years ago and we are going a million miles a minute around here. Report Cards, Student Led Conferences, Track and Field, Chess Club...and the list goes on.

Thank you to everyone who was able to participate in student led, parent/teacher, or three-way conferences this past week. These are very valuable opportunities to learn about how your child is doing and more importantly the work they have been doing the past few months. It is great learning opportunity for students to showcase their work for their parents and the staff thank you for taking the time to participate.

We enjoyed a ballet performance from the Victoria Ballet since returning from Spring Break and have an Earth Rangers Performance coming up next week. Following this performance, information regarding a recycled battery collection will be sent home. The school that collects the most batteries will win a pizza party for the whole school!! Please watch for this information and send in your used batteries for recycling as per instructions that will be sent out on our listserve. We also have one more performance from Duffle Bag Theatre and The Ned Show both in May.

Of course everyone is well aware that Spirit Day is next week and students are really looking forward to that. Thanks VERY much to Marita Maas and her team of hard working volunteers for making that day possible for our students. We know it will be a very exciting and action-packed day. Our thanks too to alumni Gail Su for supporting this year's committee.

I am excited to announce that Seaforth will be starting a Food Scraps Recycling Program!!! This will help significantly reduce the amount of garbage that the school produces. As you are all aware, this is a requirement of households in the GVRD already and is mandatory by May 1st for schools as well. Staff will be educating students in the items that can be placed in our green collection bins that will be placed in the hallways throughout the school. We will also be educating and encouraging parents, through newsletters, to reduce the amount of non-recyclable materials they are sending in students' lunches and students will be taking these items home with them starting in May to be placed in household garbage.

I cannot believe I am listing upcoming events for June!!

Upcoming Dates:

- ✓ 24 April – Spirit Day
- ✓ 27 April – District Pro D Day
Red Cross Babysitting Course
- ✓ 28 April to 1 May – Regional Track Meets
- ✓ 6 May – Class and School Panoramic Photos
Grade 6 Immunization Shots
- ✓ 8 May – Parent Volunteer/Staff Appreciation Tea
- ✓ 13 May – Festival of Beginning Bands
- ✓ 15 May – Sports Day
- ✓ 18 May – Victoria Day – HOLIDAY
- ✓ 25 May – Primary Afternoon of Song
- ✓ 28 May – Welcome to Kindergarten
- ✓ 1 June – 4 June – Grade 7 Camp
- ✓ 5 June – Pro D Day
- ✓ 8 June – 12 June – Grade 7 FI Quebec Trip
- ✓ 19 June – Grade 7 Luncheon and Dance
- ✓ 23 June – School Recognition Ceremony
- ✓ 24 June – Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony
- ✓ 25 June – Last Day for Students
Report Cards Sent Home

3. Pink Shirt Day was a success. Many people have inquired about placing another order. Possibility of ordering more shirts?

- Appreciation of the Student Lead Conferences.
- Green food scraps containers – spoke with staff, recycling bins will be placed throughout the school. Need to educate students and parents.

4. Approval of February 18th General Meeting Minutes

- Move to approve by Lisa Buysse
- Seconded by Penny Chisholm

5. Treasurer Report

- More information to come. Grace and Tricia absent from meeting.
- \$45099 currently in our general ops account.
- Gaming account \$10131.86
- \$2000 for Spirit Day
- Booked Saleema Noon for January 13, 2016. She will come attend PAC meeting the week before.

6. Committee Updates

a) DPAC –

- June absent from meeting.
- Budget is a big focus of District.

b) Hot Lunch –

- Going very well.
- Subway vendor forgot school order for 2nd time. Bainbridge Subway location fulfilled order.
- Wrote letter to Subway Canada.
- Brad from current Subway vendor called apologized and offer to give us \$200.00.
- Will continue to use Bainbridge location.

c) Crosswalk –

- Jun has been covering most shifts in the morning but could still use more volunteers.
- Two parents recently had a confrontation on Jensen over parking. Could use more supervision in this area as well. Please obey traffic parking signs.

d) CPF –

- Working with city of Burnaby for summer camps at Charles Rummel. Cheryl will post it in the newsletter.
- Inman is running a French class for parents to help their children.

e) Spirit Day –

- Going well, currently 47 workshops.

7. Earth Day April 22nd, 2015

Earth Rangers performance on Monday.

- Recycle battery collection, batteries to be taped over positive side. The school that collects the most batteries will get a pizza party.

8. Year End Planning –

a) Family Social

- Will not be taking place this year.

b) PAC Executive Positions

- Call for nominations coming up in June.

9. New Business –

a) School supplies –There has been a request from a few parents to have the option of ordering their school supplies online as per class lists. There are a few other districts who utilize this option. Cheryl to look into how this process works and if there are any benefits to the school. The concern was raised about the lack of staff available to sort supplies if they are purchased in bulk.

b) Red Cross Babysitting course – Looking into the required age for students interested.